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<i>Application Number</i>	09/991,631
<i>Filing Date</i>	November 26, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Makoto HAZAMA
<i>Art Unit</i>	1631
<i>Examiner Name</i>	LY, CHEYNE D.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	011530

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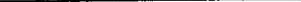
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Examiner: CHEYNE D. LY

For: METHOD OF SEQUENCE DETERMINATION FOR NUCLEIC ACID

Atty. Docket No.: 011530

Customer No.: 38834

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Sir:

Further to the Advisory Action dated June 25, 2004, and in further response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments in the response filed on June 10, 2004 be entered, that the application be further amended as follows, and that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Three illustrative attachment sheets are submitted with this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for a one-month extension of the time period for response are also submitted with this paper.